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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication issued on March 6, 2009 from the China Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such document.

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